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TAGS: ETRD, KS
SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY REGARDING POSSIBILITY OF SHIFT
IN COMPOSITION OF FOOTWEAR IMPORTS

REF: (A) STATE 102608, (B) SEOUL 3997

1. OFFICIALS OF KOREAN FOOTWEAR EXPORTERS ASSOCIATION
CURRENTLY ENGAGED IN INTENSIVE DISCUSSIONS WITH ROKG
OFFICIALS CONCERNING NON-RUBBER FOOTWEAR ORDERLY MARKETING
AGREEMENT (OMA) INITIALED MAY 16, 1977, IN SEOUL. AS A
RESULT, EMBASSY STILL UNABLE TO COMMENT ON INTERCHANGEA-
BILITY OF ROK FOOTWEAR PRODUCTION CAPABILITIES.

2. HOWEVER, UNLIKE OMA WITH REPUBLIC OF CHINA, KOREAN
OMA INCLUDES SIDE LETTER IN WHICH KOREANS PROVIDE
ASSURANCE THAT IT IS NOT THEIR INTENTION TO INCREASE THE
EXPORTS OF FOOTWEAR UPPERS, OTHER FOOTWEAR PARTS OR
RUBBER FOOTWEAR IN SUCH A MANNER THAT WOULD UNDERMINE THE
EFFECTIVENESS OF THE NON-RUBBER OMA.

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3. TEXT OF LETTER IS AS FOLLOWS:

(A)" AS YOU KNOW, THE AFFIRMATIVE INJURY FINDING OF THE
UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION WITH
RESPECT TO IMPORTS OF NON-RUBBER FOOTWEAR DID NOT
INCLUDE FOOTWEAR UPPERS, OTHER FOOTWEAR PARTS, OR
RUBBER FOOTWEAR. ACCORDINGLY, WE HAVE NEITHER FOR-

MALLY NOR INFORMALLY DISCUSSED RESTRAINTS ON THE
EXPORT OF THOSE ARTICLES IN OUR RECENT NEGOTIATIONS
LEADING TOWARD AN AGREEMENT COVERING OUR EXPORTS OF
NON-RUBBER FOOTWEAR."

(B)" I UNDERSTAND, HOWEVER, YOUR CONCERN THAT NEGOTIATED
RESTRAINTS ON EXPORTS OF NON-RUBBER FOOTWEAR COULD
THEORETICALLY LEAD TO DRAMATIC INCREASES IN EXPORTS OF
FOOTWEAR UPPERS, OTHER FOOTWEAR PARTS, AND RUBBER FOOT-
WEAR, WHICH IN TURN COULD TEND TO UNDERMINE THE EFFEC-
TIVENESS OF THE NEGOTIATED RESTRAINTS. I DO NOT BE-
LIEVE THAT THIS WILL OCCUR IN OUR CASE. NEVERTHELESS,
BECAUSE WE WISH TO DEMONSTRATE OUR SINCERETY AND GOOD
FAITH IN IMPLEMENTING THE AGREEMENT THAT YOU AND I HAVE
WORKED HARD TO COMPLETE, I WOULD LIKE TO ASSURE YOU THAT
IT IS NOT THE INTENTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA TO
INCREASE EXPORTS OF FOOTWEAR UPPERS, OTHER FOOTWEAR
PARTS, OR RUBBER FOOTWEAR IN A WAY THAT WOULD UNDER-
MINE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN OUR
GOVERNMENTS REGARDING TRADE IN NON-RUBBER FOOTWEAR."
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